

PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD

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General Walter Bedell Smith
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

I am attaching a report prepared by my staff on the meeting which [REDACTED] called at the White House last Monday regarding PSB's interest in [REDACTED] some aspects of which I think we may wish to discuss at lunch today.

Since the report was written, I am told that the White House informed [REDACTED] of the consensus of the meeting and suggested that Mr. Harriman should be encouraged to make the transfer to State of the [REDACTED] millions immediately. I assume that we will know of Mr. Harriman's decision before our lunch.

If Mr. Harriman's decision is in the negative, the Board should then decide whether to approach the President with the thought that he might wish to override Mr. Harriman's decision, or whether the Board should merely prepare to backstop MSA's presentation on this subject to the appropriate Congressional committees. If his decision is in the affirmative, the Board should, I assume, be ready to assist MSA in justifying before Congress the prior transfer of funds.

In addition, there is the additional pressing problem of securing an appropriation for the continuation of the Phase A program during calendar year 1953 and, as required, of obtaining authorizing legislation with appropriation for such approved actions growing out of our Phase B study, having to do with any new military or non-military [REDACTED]

I suggest that at lunch we discuss, again, these two general problems for the purpose of agreeing upon specific courses of action. In addition to having word as to Mr. Harriman's decision

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on the transfer of the [REDACTED] I hope by that time also to have an indication from the Bureau of the Budget as to the role which MSA, PSB, or its member agencies should play in drafting any new legislation which is required.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

Attachment

Copy of report on meeting
at White House with Messrs.

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